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1 governmental entities implement policy changes to ensure that
2 all persons with disabilities are afforded the opportunity to
3 take part in and benefit from the programs and services of
4 those governmental entities; and

5 WHEREAS, programs and facilities of local governments that
6 existed prior to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities
7 Act of 1990 are not excluded from compliance with that act
8 pursuant to a grandfather clause or other exemption; and

9 WHEREAS, many local governments in New Mexico and across
10 the nation are home to buildings of historical significance and
11 those local governments are required, with some limited
12 exceptions, to alter historically significant buildings and
13 facilities in a manner so as to make them accessible to persons
14 with disabilities and in conformance with the Americans with
15 Disabilities Act of 1990 standards for accessible design or
16 uniform federal accessibility standards; and

17 WHEREAS, the people and the local governments of the state
18 of New Mexico are committed to ensuring that all of the state's
19 citizens and visitors have access to and can participate in the
20 programs and services of the state and local governments; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico's local governments are committed to
22 complying with the provisions of the Americans with
23 Disabilities Act of 1990; and

24 WHEREAS, compliance with the provisions of the Americans
25 with Disabilities Act of 1990 can be extremely costly; and

